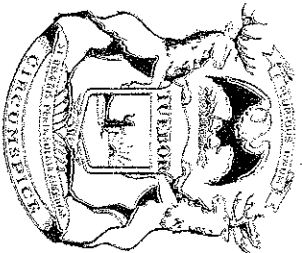


STATE OF MICHIGAN

Executive
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Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

On behalf of the citizens of Michigan, I, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9, 2009,

AmeriCorps Week

Whereas, The current economic downturn means more Americans are facing hardships and struggling, and as a result, the need for volunteers has increased; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in meeting a wide-range of community needs and to promote service; and,

Whereas, Each year AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, and AmeriCorps NCCC, provide opportunities for 75,000 citizens across the nation, including approximately 1,200 from Michigan, to give back; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps was designed to give a key role to states in deciding where resources should be directed to meet state and local needs through the work of governor appointed state service commissions, which includes the Michigan Community Service Commission; and,

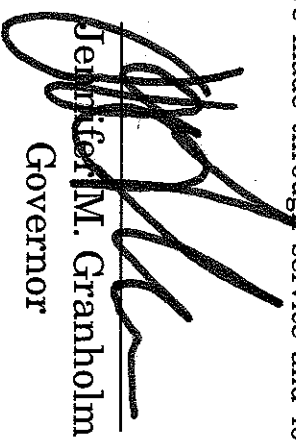
Whereas, AmeriCorps has strengthened America's independent sector by investing more than \$5.7 billion dollars to support the efforts of tens of thousands of nonprofit, community, educational, and faith-based community groups nationwide; and those grants have leveraged hundreds of millions of additional funds and in-kind donations from others sources; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps members last year recruited and supervised more than 2.2 million community volunteers nationally and more than 24,700 volunteers locally, demonstrating AmeriCorps value as a powerful catalyst and force multiplier; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps members nationwide, in return for their service, have earned nearly \$1.6 billion in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards to further their own educational advancement at colleges and universities including more than \$47.4 million that has been earned by the residents of Michigan; and,

Whereas, AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, remain engaged in communities as volunteers, teachers, public servants, and nonprofit leaders in disproportionately high levels;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, That I, Jennifer M. Granholm, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of May 9, 2009, AmeriCorps Week in Michigan. I encourage all residents of this state to recognize AmeriCorps members and alumni for the powerful impact they have made through service and for making a difference.


Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor